



OSPR Project Information Update

DATE: September 5, 2006



PROJECT NAME: *SS Palo Alto* oil removal project

PROJECT START DATE: September 5, 2006

RESPONSIBLE PARTY: State Dept. of Parks and Recreation (as owners of the cement ship)

LOCATION: Seacliff State Beach

PRIMARY TASK: Remove decades-old oil left aboard cement ship before it was sold to State Parks

REASON: Ship deterioration has made oil a hazard to wildlife and the environment

ESTIMATED VOLUME: Unknown; three tanks with oil have been identified

CAUSE (IF KNOWN): Oil was left aboard by former owners, the Cal-Nevada Company (pre-1936)

CONTAINMENT STATUS: Oil is contained in tanks or compartments aboard grounded ship

OIL RECOVERED:

RESOURCES AT RISK: Seabirds, marine mammals, fish, crustaceans, mollusks, invertebrates, plants, etc.

WILDLIFE IMPACT: To date, 70 oiled seabirds have been collected here. All but 19 died.

PUBLIC CLOSURES: Pier leading to the *SS Palo Alto*, which is needed for project work & equipment, TFN.

LEAD STATE AGENCY Dept. of Fish and Game OSPR – Lt. John Sutton, State Incident Commander

OTHER AGENCIES: California State Parks is supporting the project

ESTIMATED COMPLETION: By October 14, 2006

CONTRACTORS: Titan Maritime

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: State Parks expects the pier to be open to the public in time for the October 14 Monte Foundation Fireworks Display

INFORMATION WEBSITE: www.dfg.ca.gov/ospr Click on *SS Palo Alto* photo in center column.

REPORT OILED WILDLIFE

Anyone finding injured wildlife should not approach or touch the animals for safety reasons. People who see oiled wildlife should report the exact location as soon as possible, to the Oiled Wildlife Care Network, at 530-752-4167. A trained, properly-equipped animal handler will be dispatched to rescue or collect the animal.

VOLUNTEERS

Not needed at this time.